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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed on September 30, 2005. The time to respond is thus extended to March 30, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) (\$510.00 – small entity) to Deposit Account No. 50-1794. Applicants also enclose a document entitled, ""Preliminary Risk Characterization for Acetyl Tributyl Citrate Used as a Plasticizer in Polyvinyl Chloride Children's Toys" (February 1999) to facilitate examination.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.